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UNITED STATES WAR DEBT REBUFF.

"EUROPE MUST SETTLE HER OWN DEBT PROBLEMS."

LAVAL OVERTURE FAILS.

M. LAVAL'S ATTEMPT to secure an assurance from the United States that if Germany is granted a relief in reparations, a corresponding relief will be accorded America's debtors, has failed.

The American response to his overtures has been a declaration that Europe must settle her own debts problem.

When M. Laval visited the United States in October last, it was insisted that Europe should take the initiative in curtailing inter-governmental payments, but an assurance was given that if reparations were reduced, America would do its part regarding war debts. M. Laval sought a reassurance in view of the antagonistic attitude of Congress, and while the door has not been slammed, he has failed to obtain confirmation of the pledge.

It is a strange outcome of the professions with which America entered the war—"No indemnities and no reparation"—that she maintains a position giving her the largest share of German reparations and declines to admit the fact.

THE BALFOUR NOTE BEAU GESTE.

London, Jan. 19. The situation regarding the proposed reparations Conference is still uncertain although clarification is anticipated during the next day or two as a result of exchanges between the Governments concerned.

To-day, M. Laval outlined the policy of his new Cabinet and it is generally expected that he will receive a vote of confidence.

Meanwhile, press messages state that he has approached the United States administration, through the American Ambassador in Paris, regarding their attitude to a possible extension of the Hoover Moratorium.

Washington press messages state that if Europe draws up concrete plans to meet the present emergency, the United States will give them careful consideration, but they will not participate in the preliminary negotiations. —British Wireless.

Reports Confirmed.

Paris, Jan. 19. It is officially confirmed that M. Laval has sounded the American Ambassador, Mr. Walter Edge, in regard to the chances of the United States agreeing to a six months' or a year's extension of the Hoover Moratorium.

Mr. Edge has not yet received a formal reply from the State Department, but has indicated that public and political opinion in the United States is against the renewal of the Moratorium.

It is stated that Mr. Edge also pointed out that as no Allied payment to America are due before December 15, 1932, there will be a de facto five and half months' extension of the moratorium.

Moreover, the United States presidential elections are being held in November and the result will doubtless influence the subsequent American attitude. —Reuter.

DOOR NOT SLAMMED.

Washington, Dec. 19. It is expected that the United States Government will reply to M. Laval's moratorium overture by declaring that Europe must seek her own settlement.

While there is no disposition in the United States to "slam the door" against the possibility of further American concessions, it is held to be essential to any such concessions that Europe first restore confidence among themselves.

When that has been done, it is indicated, America may consider a demand for further debt postponement.

America's Reply Sent.

Later. The American Government's reply has been despatched. The balances held in New York on

FRENCH GIANT LINER IN JEOPARDY.

SENATE REFUSE ASSISTANCE.

Paris, Jan. 19. The Finance Commission to the Senate has rejected the Government's plan for financial assistance to the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, in connexion with the building of the super-liner de France.

The Commission decided that apart from purely temporary financial arrangements, the only measure it could support would be the establishment of a new organisation within the framework of the general policy of development of the mercantile marine.

Such a project could not be drawn up until the Company has been put upon a sound financial basis.

A questionnaire on the issues is being submitted to the Cabinet. —Reuter.

BANDIT TRAIN HOLD-UP.

SPANISH CHAOS.

Madrid, Jan. 19. Twenty-five bandits attempted to hold up a goods train travelling from Bilbao to Madrid to-day.

The alarm brought Civil Guards quickly to the scene. They fired into the air and the bandits fled, but fifteen of them were arrested. —Reuter.

"UNCLE" ARTHUR HENDERSON.

BACK TO HIS WORK AGAIN.

London, Jan. 19. After his four months' illness Mr. Arthur Henderson resumed work his Party Headquarters to-day.

He intends to leave for Geneva at the end of the month to preside over the Disarmament Conference. —British Wireless.

PRINCE OF WALES SCHOLARSHIP.

FOR ARGENTINIAN STUDENTS.

London, Jan. 19. The establishment of a Prince of Wales Scholarship for Argentinian students at Oxford University was announced by His Royal Highness at a dinner held in London to-night under the auspices of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

It will be recalled that the Prince last year visited Buenos Aires and opened a big British Trade Exhibition there. —Reuter.

SPANISH STRIKE FEVER.

CATHOLIC PAPER SUSPENDED.

Madrid, Jan. 19. The general strike fever is still raging throughout Spain. Workers in Galicia have declared a strike affecting the whole province as from to-morrow.

A leading Catholic newspaper in Madrid, *El Debate*, has been suspended. For an indefinite period for publishing a leading article criticising the Government in connexion with the labour troubles. —Reuter.

Paris from New York this week as part of France's withdrawals of her balances in the United States. These withdrawals are expected to involve some \$325,000,000.

It is explained that these shipments will not affect the United States' gold supply since the

Much Interest in Graceful Ship's Activities.

OFFICIAL TRICK AT ABERDEEN.

WRECK OF THE HEDWIG RECALLED.

JOURNEY TO MEXICO ON LEAVING HONGKONG.

RECALLING ROMANTIC FICTION stories of the high seas in the brave days of old, and the drama of the Hedwig's loss a year ago, comes the revelation to-day of a suspicious enterprise, which started at Hongkong, found a change of scene in Mexico, and finally came to an inglorious finish by the confiscation by the Chinese Maritime Customs of the hand-some yacht performing the task.

Brought to light by *Telegraph* investigations, the story is bound up with intrigue albeit it has a glamorous side. One thing is very certain, the activities of the ship, which was built in Hongkong last year, have been the cause of much fluttering in the official dovecotes of more than one country. At least two of the men aboard the Marbella were also on the Hedwig when she was wrecked.

BOMB FOUND ON VESSEL'S ARREST.

When, in July last, a handsome-looking schooner of some 200 tons, complete with two fine masts, white sails and an auxiliary motor, sailed from Hongkong harbour, few people would have guessed that it was anything but a pleasure yacht, probably about to make its way to southern climes.

Yet there is excellent reason to-day to suspect that the vessel, flying a Panama flag, and holding a clearance certificate for registration in the Panamanian Mercantile Service, was setting forth on a quest which was to set American officialdom a-nog.

It anchored, almost in sight of Aberdeen, from where, it is believed, a number of Chinese, desirous of immigrating to America, but seeking to avoid the quota and the authorities' demand for a \$31,000 deposit for the privilege, planned to make their way to the fine-looking ship.

Counter "Propaganda."

Before arriving, however, they found themselves in possession of a number of pamphlets, warning them against taking "risks."

The would-be immigrants, some of whom had, it is said, paid as much as \$200, were told that the Marbella—as the craft was named—was "full of rotten timber and liable to sink at any moment." This, though obviously untrue, seemed sufficient to persuade the immigrants against "hasty action," and they refused to go aboard.

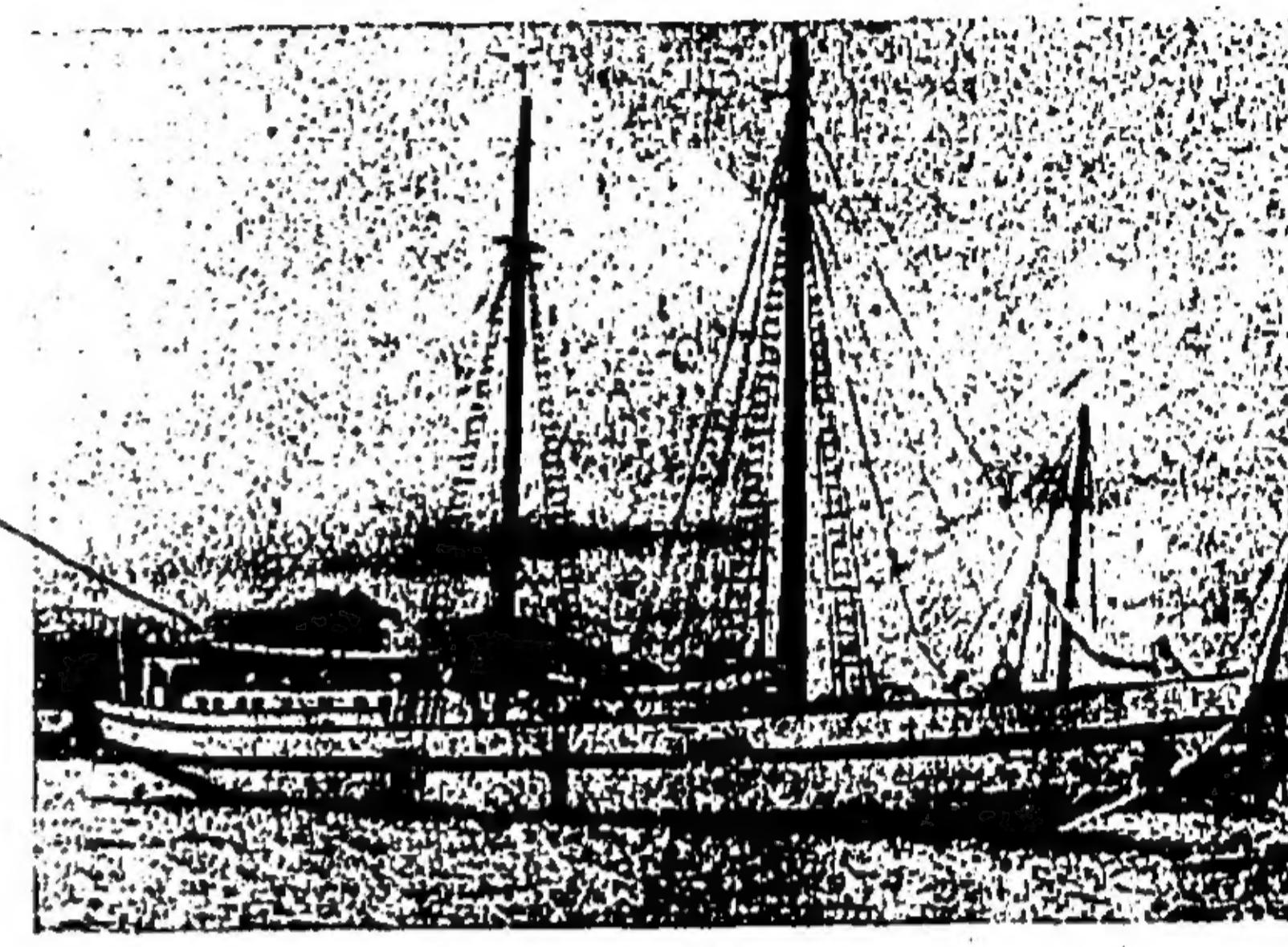
Next in Mexico.

Undismayed by this hitch, the Marbella, it is alleged, then made its way to Kwongchowwan, and from there, it is supposed, her "freight" was shipped. Sailing across the Pacific it eventually made tracks for a spot in the remote regions of the Mexican coast, south of California.

The story goes that the ship, fitted with wireless, sent a signal to confederates in waiting—the Marbella anchoring just inside Mexican waters—and from out of the coves and rocky inlets of the coast, dashed "contact boats," which travel anything up to 40 knots, and which landed from the Marbella whatever she had on board.

The yacht then sailed into a Mexican port, free of any evidence of smuggling, and efforts were immediately put in hand to obtain the necessary clearance in order to return.

By this time, the American



The schooner Marbella, built in Hongkong last year, which was seized by the Chinese Maritime Customs after an adventure which took her to Mexico recently.

PEAK ROBBERY EPIDEMIC.

CHARGE AGAINST SOLDIERS.

Police suspicions that two soldiers arrested in a Yau Ma Tei restaurant on Monday have been concerned in recent thefts on the Peak assumed a definite form this morning, when the men were brought before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court, and charged with theft of valuables from the residence of Mr. H. L. Dennis, the well-known solicitor.

The accused, Thomas Hughes and William Howells, both privates in the South Wales Borderers, were charged with larceny from 168, The Peak of miscellaneous articles, including a General Service Medal and a Victory Medal and miniatures, the total value of the property being given as \$611.50.

After the charges had been read to the defendants, Hughes entered a plea of guilty, but Howells pleaded not guilty.

Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation) said Mr. Dennis was indicted and the police wished the name of complainant altered to the Inspector General of Police.

His Worship:—You have heard the pleas, do you accept them?

Mr. Murphy:—No, your Worship.

His Worship:—Then we must hear the evidence.

Mr. Murphy said he understood Mr. Dennis was in hospital. The police could not proceed until he was able to appear and give evidence. He asked for a week's remand, in military custody.

"I would ask your Worship to defer sentence on the first defendant," added Mr. Murphy.

His Worship accordingly remanded both prisoners for one week.

BRITAIN'S MID-WINTER HEAT-WAVE.

BALMY BREEZES BLOW.

MERCURY'S HIGH RECORD.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 19. Britain's claim to be the only country in the world which really experiences "weather," the others merely enjoying climate, is receiving new support.

At the present time, southern England is indulging in a mid-winter "heat-wave."

Londoners are abandoning their hats and coats and are being encouraged to practice still further diversions by the official forecast that "the inflow of sub-tropical Atlantic air is likely to continue to be maintained. There is no indication of a break in the extraordinary mildness."

The minimum night temperate of 51 degrees last night was the highest such January temperature ever recorded.

Winter ailments, however, are not less severe than usual. On the contrary, influenza is more prevalent than it has been for some years past.

MONEY ROLLING IN AT HOME.

INCOME TAXPAYERS' RESPONSE.

London, Jan. 19. The remarkable response which income-tax payers made to the request for prompt payment of the large instalment which became due on January 1st is shown by Treasury figures issued to-night to have been more than maintained in the second week of the quarter. During the week ending January 16th, income tax paid amounted to £28,500,000, an increase of no less than £18,000,000, or approximately 17% per cent, over the amount collected in the corresponding week of last year.

The total amount collected between the 1st and 16th January was nearly £50,000,000, compared with £22,000,000 in the first seventeen days of last year.

The collection of surtax to-day is equally satisfactory. During the week ending January 16th, there was received £7,380,000, compared with £2,450,000, in the corresponding week of last year, and the total amount received in the first sixteen days of the year is £15,000,000 which shows an increase of £7,000,000 over the total received in the corresponding period of 1931. —British Wireless.

"CHILDREN" OF CONGRESS.

KARACHI COURT INCIDENT.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Karachi, Jan. 19. Presenting a remarkable figure with a garland of white flowers round his neck and a vermillion mark on his brow (emblems of sacrifice) a Congress Volunteer created a brief disturbance in a Karachi court-room to-day.

He burst into the Court while the Magistrate was in the midst of the hearing of a case, and shouted: "The Government is going bankrupt!" He then proceeded to try and sell small packets of contraband salt. He was quickly placed under arrest.

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**HON. MR. SHENTON'S
ADDRESS.****INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC
RELATIONS.****ROTARY TALK.**

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton was the speaker at yesterday's Rotary Club luncheon, held in Messrs. Lane Crawford's Restaurant, when he spoke of the Institute of Pacific Relations, telling of the work they were doing and how they were doing it, also making reference to the recent conference held at Shanghai, which he attended as one of the British group. Sir William Hornell presided.

Saying that they had some very distinguished guests with them, the Chairman welcomed Sir Edward Rhodes, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Jacob Behrens and Sons, Manchester, and Director of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce; Mr. H. W. Gopp, Consultant on Development to the Commonwealth Government of Australia; Capt. Farrar, O.B.E., of the R.A. Hatchling; Mr. A. Piercy and Mr. W. L. McKenzie, all of Hongkong. (Applause).

The Chairman announced that on January 25, at 4.30 p.m., the Wan Chai children's playground would be formally opened. He reminded them that it was to have been opened on the day of the first annual dinner of the Club but it was postponed owing to wet weather.

Referring to Capt. Farrar, the Chairman recalled the piracy of the R.A. Hatchling. He added, "We shall always remember what Capt. Farrar did on that occasion but I will not repeat it."

The Chairman informed members that it had been decided to ask for contributions towards a "cumshaw" to the "boys" for the Chinese New Year, and to this there was a very generous response.

Visitor's Remarks.

In addressing the gathering, Mr. Gopp said: "I thank you all very much for your hospitality and welcome to-day. My association with Rotary, both official and unofficial, goes back a considerable time. I had the honour of being the second President of the Melbourne Club and my last luncheon at a Rotary Club was at Tokyo a fortnight ago. The one previous to that was at Sydney just before I left Australia for the East in September last.

I left Australia originally because I had been trying for two years to get a rest in Australia but found it extremely difficult. I thought that by going so far away as China and Japan it would

be possible to have a complete rest. Just before I left, however, my Minister said to me "If you are going away what about having a little job or two to keep your hand in?" but I find that these jobs have kept my hand in rather more than I had desired.

One of the greatest points of interest which brought us to the East was the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Shanghai, instead of Hangchow, at which we met a very large number of most interesting people, and had many valuable and interesting discussions. One of the most valuable friendships which we made was our friendship with Mr. Shenton, who is going to address us to-day.

I am authorised to convey, from the Governor of the District controlling Sydney and other Rotary Clubs in Australia, the hearty greetings of the Rotary Clubs in Australia to the Rotary Club of Hongkong. (Applause).

Mr. Shenton's Address.

In asking Mr. Shenton to speak, the Chairman said that Mr. Shenton was recently nominated by the Institute of International Relations in London to be British representative at the Congress of Pacific Relations at Shanghai.

Mr. Shenton said in part: You have very kindly invited me to-day to speak on the work of the Institute of Pacific Relations which held its fourth biennial conference at Shanghai recently. The first and second conferences were held at Honolulu in 1926 and 1927, and the third at Kyoto in 1929.

The conference lasted from the 21st October to the 4th November, but prior to the 21st October the International Programme Committee, representative of the various national groups, had met for the purpose of dealing, in detail, with the programme of subjects for discussion, and to consider various matters of research.

Owing to the short time at my disposal, it is not possible for me to give you more than a short outline of the history of the Institute, the work it does, and the way in which it is done, also a lightning sketch of my impressions at the last conference, which I attended as a member of the British Group Inter-Racial Understanding.

The Institute of Pacific Relations emerged from the experience of a local situation. The islands of Hawaii present a microcosm of the inter-racial situation of the Pacific area. In Hawaii, for a century, men of different races have been learning how to live together with mutual respect and understanding. If the thing could be done in miniature, why not in a larger arena? Moreover, Hawaii, situated half-way between Asia and America, was sensitive to the tension lines between East and West, and had a special interest in relieving that tension and in exploring the possibilities

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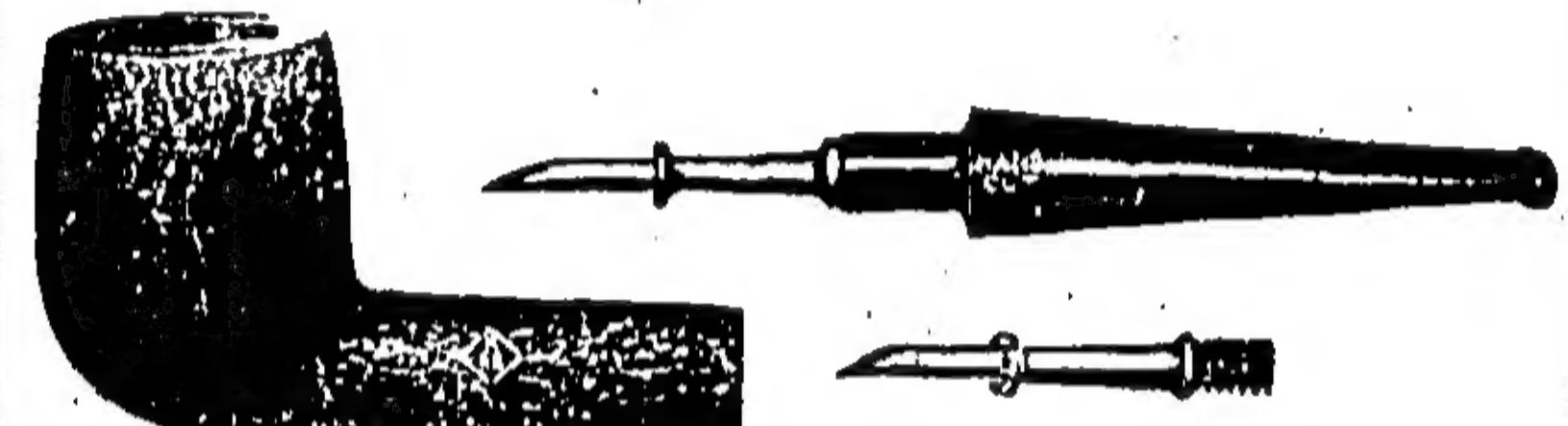
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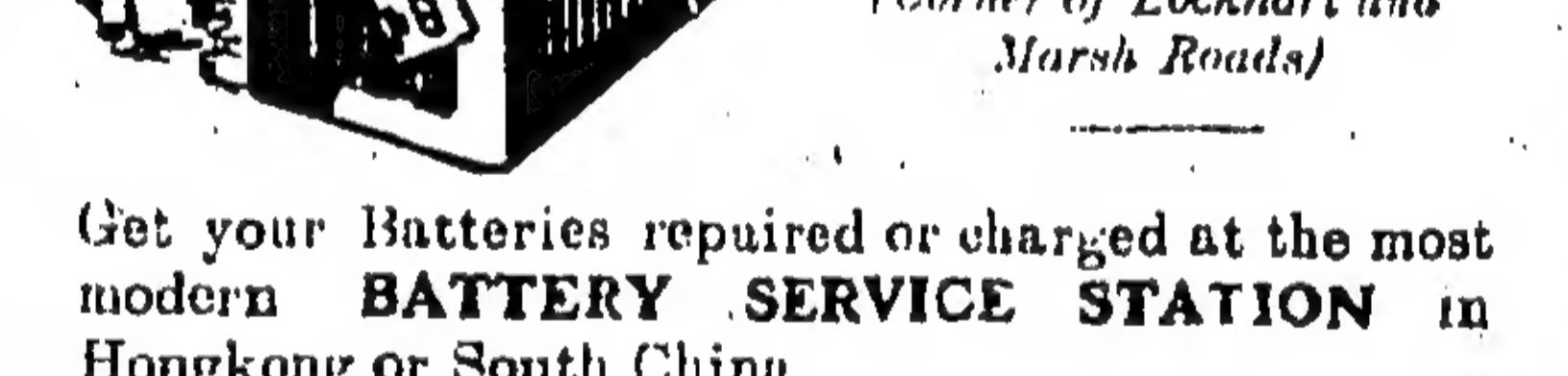
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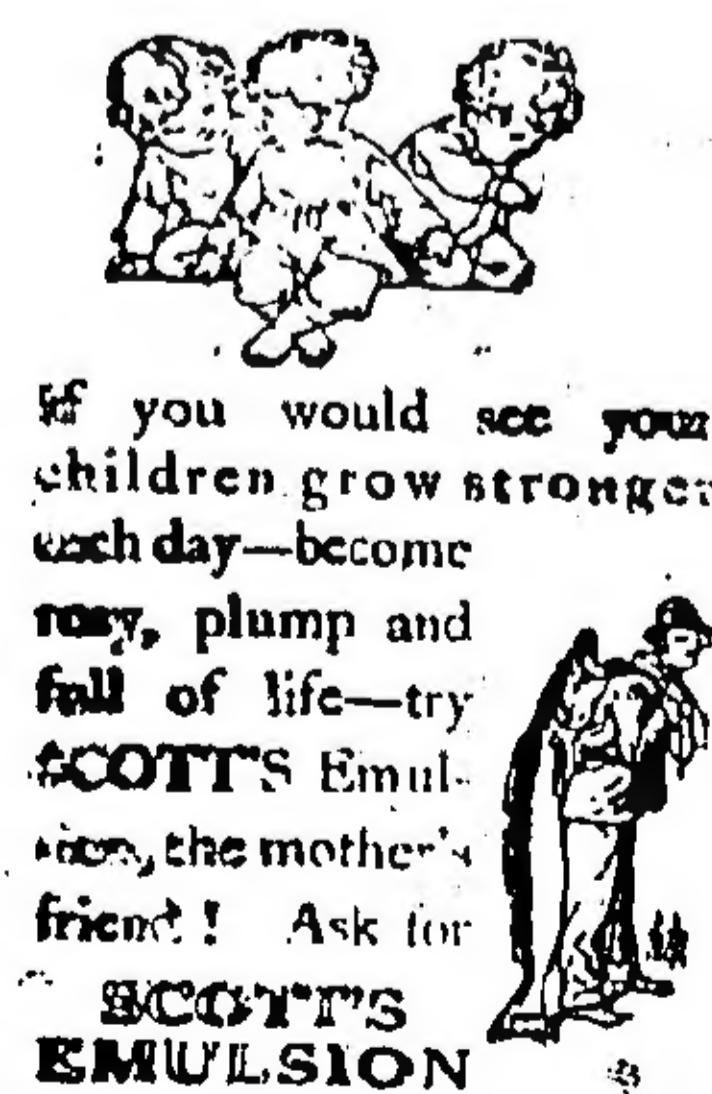
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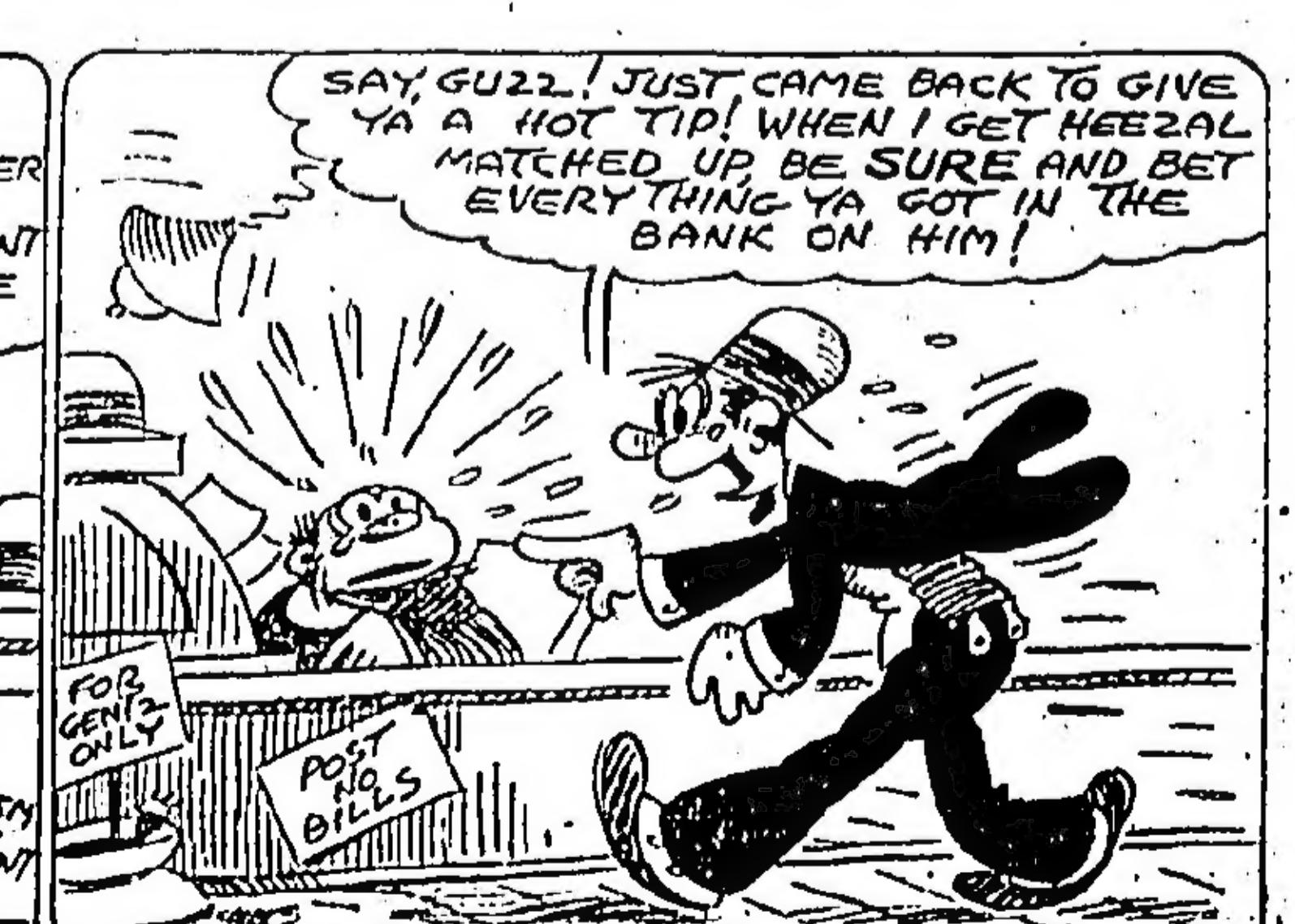
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The U. S. "hunger marchers" had plenty of food in Cleveland, where they paused en route to Washington, to demand relief. Upper picture shows part of the delegation eating their evening meal in Cleveland's public auditorium. Below is Column Captain William Reynolds, serving Ray Nomand. Cleveland public officials surprised the marchers by providing them with a dining hall, food and a writing room."



Air Commodore Kingsford Smith landed at Croydon Aerodrome in the monoplane Southern Star with the first Christmas air mail from Australia. He left Port Darwin on December 3, and picked up the mail in the Malay States, where it had been stranded. Our picture shows Air Commodore Kingsford Smith helping to unload the mail at Croydon. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows Don Niceto Alcalá Zamora, the new Spanish President, taking the oath of the Constitution in the presence of the members of the Cortes and the Diplomatic Corps in Madrid. (Times copyright).

Gems of Peril
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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Mary Harkness comes to recover the last of her possessions—her bracelet, with the memory of old Mr. Jupiter and her son Eddie down and killed him. She is aided by Bowen of the *Star*. Mary's fiancé, Dick Jupiter, is dead. Eddie, partly to avenge his son, kills Bowen.

Bruce Jupiter, long absent, returns from Europe with a woman friend. His father orders him out to recover Mary. He goes when he has a run-in with his old tutor, and is racing to find Mary, who he thinks is a gold-digger.

Dick forbids Mary to see Bowen again, but she comes to Miami, and Jupiter yachts will believe Bruce's charges. Mary's fiancé, Bowen, tells her The Fly may be at Bowen's when he has a run-in with his old tutor, and is racing to find Mary, who he thinks is a gold-digger.

Mary is introduced to Count De Loma. De Loma is listed as owner of The Fly's house. She sees De Loma and Count De Loma, Bruce's friend, in a room.

She also learns that Mr. Jupiter has a car of the same make as that which she bought and had in his garage when he was killed. Eddie, Mr. Jupiter, explains his car was bought for experimental purposes in his business.

De Loma and Louise quarrel. Louise cannot explain where she got a diamond bracelet. Louise says she loaned Mary money and took the bracelet as security. Bruce thinks it was De Loma who gave Louise the bracelet.

CHAPTER XXXIV

Mary dropped the Countess' arm, on which the bracelet glittered, and went, wonderingly, to the door. Bruce stood outside. He seemed surprised to see Louise, but came in at Mary's invitation, stopping just within the door.

His indifference, reported by Bowen, was a mask. Mary saw with a twinge of pity. Little liking as she had for the willful, selfish young man, she could not help a feeling of shame for her sex at seeing him made to suffer so at the hands of a woman of Louise's sort.

He came forward with head lowered, eyes searching the faces of the two women. "I wish to ask some questions," he said deliberately. "Louise tell me you are in need of money?" He looked at Mary as he spoke.

Louise started to rise, but he motioned her back.

"Sit down! You have told me two stories. Now I'm going to find out which is correct." Then to Mary: "Well!"

"I was, but I'm not now," Mary said. "But why? How does that concern you?"

"Never mind. Is that your bracelet?" He pointed. Mary did not even turn her head to look.

"Of course!" she said impatiently.

Bruce stared at her, then at the faintly defiant, triumphant Louise.

"But naturally," she said calmly, giving her a friendly smile. "I trust you."

Bruce hesitated, obviously unsure of himself. Mary was too quietly exultant over her victory to be other than magnanimous.

"I'm sorry you have been embarrassed," she said gently.

"And I beg your pardon," Bruce replied a bit stiffly. Then evidently coming to the conclusion that he had made rather an ass of himself, he fairly bolted from the room.

Mary stood still in the middle of the room, holding the bracelet to her breast. She was trembling; the thrill of victory was racing through her veins. First blood!

She had tricked Louise out of the most important piece of evidence yet secured against The Fly.

And The Fly did not know she had it. What was the best thing to do with it? Where would it be safe?

There was a small cabinet safe in Mr. Jupiter's cabin on the "Gypsy," and it had able guardians. She resolved to put it there for safekeeping at the earliest possible moment.

Eddie's I. O. U., too. That small piece of paper had its importance, also.

She couldn't go out to the yacht now—it lacked less than an hour of dinner-time. At seven the Jupiter party was to meet in the lobby of the roof dining-room. The Fly had promised to be there, too. Although she dreaded the encounter, it was just what she had hoped for—an opportunity to disarm his suspicions, if he had any (apparently his colossal conceit did not permit him to fear detection).

And since she had come off so well last night she had thought of an even more dangerous experiment which she meant to try without Mr. Jupiter's knowledge, for she was sure he would never consent. She would wear the rubies to-night! By dangling them under the very nose of The Fly she was sure he would never rest until he had got hold of them. By sharpening his appetite she might succeed in hurrying him into an attempt to make off with them. And, if Bates and the others would help her, lead him straight into a trap.

She went to her dressing-table and put the bracelet in her handbag, where the I. O. U. already was hidden. With the bag tucked under her arm she went into the hall.

Louise, of course, was relying on Bruce to return the bracelet when Bruce's eyes were turned the other way. She must have been surprised at Mary's unexpected support of her, but she evidently considered it in the girl's hand.

just the quixotic act of one woman helping another pull her chestnut out of the fire. Mary disliked Bruce enough to do it for the fun of annoying him, she probably reasoned. She would go on thinking so until she found out that Mary did not mean to give the bracelet back. Then, look out!

Louise would have to account to De Loma sooner or later for its loss. If she were angry enough she might set him to get it back for her secretly. Unquestionably he would seek a grave reason for its being withheld and then—she shivered as she realized the lengths to which he might go to recover it.

Mary knew she must act quickly if the bracelet were to be put beyond his reach. She resolved to go downstairs at once and put the two objects in the hotel safe until she could take them out to the yacht.

Bates was coming down the corridor as she stepped into the hall. He looked hot, dusty and tired. She remembered that she had not seen him all day.

"Hello," she greeted him cheerfully. "Where've you been?"

"Oh, out and around," he answered, noncommittally. "Here and there. Come along and I'll tell you about it."

There was something in his man-

ner—a sort of electric excitement—that intrigued her. She waited as he rapped at Mr. Jupiter's door, and followed him inside.

They found Mr. Jupiter at his open sitting-room window, which looked out over the bay, a palm-leaf fan in his hand, a cold glass at his elbow. His stocking feet were elevated to the seat of a chair, and his shirt was open at the throat.

"Come in, come in. What's up? You just getting back, Bates?" He motioned them to chairs. "Where've you been?"

Bates mopped his grimy countenance. "Following a crazy man," he answered bitterly. "I'm telling you, that guy is crazy as a loon!"

"Here, have a drink," Jupiter offered. When the returned traveller had cooled his parched throat he brightened visibly.

"Well, when you turned back this morning, boss, I saw your son and the lady were fixin' to lose me, too. Young love and all that, you know. So I lot on I wanted to have a look at the town—it's an old settlement, with a historic court house, you know. They put me down on the public square and went on down to the beach where the 'Shore Diner' sign pointed."

"I sat down on the court house lawn for a minute to cool off. (Continued on Page 11.)

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 28th January to TUESDAY, 16th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1932.

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MANUFACTURE OF
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ACTIVITIES.

Activities proposed by the China Agricultural Development Company, Limited, were outlined by the chairman, Mr. L. Dowdall, at the statutory meeting held last night. Addressing the shareholders he said:

The first business before us to-day is the passing of the statutory report, of which you have all received copies, but before I put the report to the Meeting I would like to say a few words about our Company.

As you all probably know, the fertilizer business in China is a very large one indeed, and yet it is only in its incipient stages and is certain to grow to vast proportions.

It is within the last few years that the use of chemical fertilizers has been introduced to the Chinese farmers. For a number of years they have largely been ignorant, relied upon their old methods of agriculture, and it is wonderful how they have continued to take crop after crop out of the soil for generations after generation. But you cannot go on indefinitely taking something out of the soil and not putting anything back, as is becoming increasingly evident by the yields obtained from the fields of China. One has only to note the large import of rice and other grains from other Countries even including Japan, which is even more densely populated than China, and yet which entirely due to its extensive and intelligent use of chemical fertilizers, is able to export rice. Also the production per acre of rice and other crops in other countries where it is much as 50 per cent. higher than in China and of finer quality.

Phosphate Stock Bought.

A little over a year ago an opportunity occurred to obtain at a very favourable price a stock of guano phosphate in Hongkong and at the same time of securing the services of Mr. J. Watson, who is now our agronomist and who has made a special study of chemical fertilizers for the China market, and who has had several years experience in this country.

A small syndicate was formed, with a moderate capital, to acquire this stock of phosphate and to engage the services of Mr. Watson, and in that way this business was started. The idea of the syndicate was to start the manufacture of a complete fertilizer for use in China and to prove thoroughly the value of the opportunity which presented itself. Success was the business and a bright prospect that the capital of the syndicate was increased and later, on August 17 of last year the syndicate was taken over by this company with its present authorized and paid-up capital.

Hereupon the bulk of the chemical fertilizers imported into China has been sulphate of ammonia, sulphate of ammonia or some kind of source of available nitrogen is essential to plant growth, but it is not a complete fertilizer. Unless intelligently used in conjunction with other essentials, particularly potash and phosphate rock, it may be definitely harmful.

When the Chinese farmer buys sulphate of ammonia he is told to use it in conjunction with other materials, but it is not always possible for him to obtain the necessary materials in sufficient quantities and almost an impossibility for him to work out the correct proportions of each to use.

Misuse of Sulphate.

Consequently this is a lot of dissatisfaction is evident among these farmers who have used sulphate of ammonia and who have not used it intelligently. A luxuriant growth of bright green foliage is produced in the early stages of the plant growth but the ripened crop is often lacking in texture, flavour, stamina and keeping qualities.

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Many Agencies.

We have now agencies in Swatow, Canton, Amoy and Bangkok. The most encouraging reports have been received and I am confident that we shall do a very nice business after China New Year.

I have just completed a tour of inspection of part of the district under our Canton agents and was very much impressed with the progress which has been made and with the prospects of business for the coming spring crop. So much so that our problem is not so much whether or not we shall get a sufficient volume of sales but whether or not we shall be able to manufacture and supply at the right time enough stocks to meet the demand which will probably all come at one time. We do not mean that when the spring crop is over there will be no demand, I anticipate that there will be sales throughout the summer and autumn but the big demand will be for the spring and autumn crops.

Although this is the slack season we are making small sales all the time and have definite assurances of orders amounting to some 3,000 to 4,000 bags as soon as China New Year is over.

We confidently hope that every bag we sell, by the results it will produce, will sell for ten bags for the following season.

If there are any questions anyone would like to ask I shall do my best to answer them following which we will proceed with the business of the Meeting.

Report Received.

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"It all boils down to the old old argument as to whether those catering for moments of leisure should pander to that deplorable—and I am sure grossly misaligned—standard dubbed popular taste, or should employ their vehicles for something with a higher aim," said Mrs. C. E. L. Grist in concluding a most interesting address on "Magazines," which she gave before a large gathering of members of the English Association and others at the Helena May Institute yesterday, under the chairmanship of His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel.

Those present included Lady Peel, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Sir William Hornell, and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern.

Prior to calling upon Mrs. Grist, His Excellency extended congratulations on behalf of all present to Mrs. H. T. Creasy for the recent honour conferred upon her by His Majesty the King. He said he was sure that to honour could have been more popular among members of the Association and the community generally. (Applause).

Mrs. Grist divided magazines into two broad classes, those for commercial use and those for the general public, saying that the first was entirely outside the scope of the talk.

She dealt with early magazine history, saying she thought they could take it as quite certain that Steele and Addison's famous *Tatler* and *Spectator* were the actual inspiration of the magazine, commenting that the oldest magazine which had been running for 176 years.

At the present time, she said, there were far too many magazines, and if the number could be divided by ten the public would obtain a great deal higher standard and Editors would not be compelled, willy-nilly, to offer a very mediocre cleaning to their readers. "Several of the big publishing houses make no secret of the fact that their policy is to launch a new paper, with a certain splash of display advertising, run it hard whilst the novelty lasts, and then quietly watch it die a natural and richly deserved death. It is a pity that such exploitation pays so well."

New Blood Sought.

Mrs. Grist continued that one heard many criticisms against the constant exploitation of famous names, but it had never been found feasible to run a magazine on new authors alone as there were not nearly enough of even average quality. On the other hand, the idea that any story not bearing a well-known name was immediately returned by the office boy was entirely erroneous, as it was the great hope and search of every Editor to discover new blood.

Mrs. Grist further said that up to within the last two decades short story writers in England were extremely poorly paid, and it was not until America began to fill our best authors that it was realized something had to be done about it.

She added: "In the newspaper world I have heard one of the *Daily Mirror* staff say they reckon the circulation would suffer an immediate drop of over 40,000 per day if they discontinued 'Pip, Squeak and Wilfred' and double that number within a month."

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HANGCHOW MEETING SUCCESSFUL.

LEADERS RETURNING TO NANKING.

Hangchow, Jan. 19. This famous beauty spot has become a centre of important political activity.

Yesterday afternoon Chiang Kai-shek and his loyal Lieutenant, General Ho Ying-ching, conferred at considerable length with Messrs. Sun Fo, Wang Ching-wei and Wu Tien-chuen.

Among the questions discussed were China's foreign relations, the present financial crisis and the change of certain Provincial Governors. The result is stated to have been "successful."

It is believed that Mr. Wang Ching-wei will be the first of the absent "triumvirate" to go to Nanking. He will be followed soon after by Chiang Kai-shek, but nothing so far has been definitely decided.—*Reuter*.

All Three Returning.

Hangchow, Jan. 19. It is reported that Mr. Sun Fo has succeeded in persuading Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei to return to Nanking, and the three leaders will be returning to the capital together to-morrow, by air.—*Reuter*.

More Disunity?

Nanking, Jan. 19. There are the wildest speculations in political circles following the news that Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei are coming to Nanking to-morrow.

Radical changes are expected and already gossip has it that certain influential leaders who are unfriendly towards Chiang are preparing to leave Nanking this evening.

However, the *Evening News* doubts whether Chiang will return to-morrow. *Reuter*—*"Telegraph" Special*.

Mr. Soong's Return to Old Post Rumoured.

Nanking, Jan. 19. Rumours have it that Mr. T. V. Soong is returning shortly as Finance Minister.

Economy is the order of the day, with drastic cuts in the budget made by the National Government Council at a meeting this morning.

The expenditure of all Government offices will be reduced by half, and the personnel reduced by one third, with a reduction of twenty per cent in the salaries of those remaining.—*Reuter*—*"Telegraph" Special*.

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UNEMPLOYMENT.

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR IN BRITAIN.

London, Jan. 19.

The state of employment in 1931 is officially reviewed in the Ministry of Labour *Gazette* published yesterday. There was no marked improvement until the last quarter, but there was not, as in the preceding year, a steady increase month by month in the numbers of unemployed. The decline during 1930 received a check last February, followed by a slight improvement during the next three months, which affected chiefly the seasonal trades and a number of the textile industries, including cotton and woolen.

A further decline began in June, and continued until the end of September.

Gold Standard Suspension.

Following the suspension of the gold standard, an improvement was recorded at the beginning of October, which continued until the end of the year and had an influence on almost every industry except those such as building and contracting, which normally experience slackness in winter.

The estimated number of insured workpeople in employment in Great Britain rose from 9,245,000 in January to 9,516,000 in May; but after some fluctuation fell to 9,326,000 in September. By December, however, it had risen to 9,593,000, compared with 9,475,000 in December, 1930.

Recent legislative changes had not affected by the end of December the numbers of insured persons recorded as unemployed, nor the percentage rates of unemployment among insured persons. The fall in the percentage from 22.6 in September to 20.9 in December represents, therefore, the measure of real improvement in employment.—*Reuter*.

Trade Barriers.

London, Jan. 19. Trade between Britain and South Africa was discussed by Sir Frederick Lewis, presiding yesterday at a meeting of the Houlder Line, Limited. He suggested a reciprocal trade agreement with Argentina and other countries similarly placed.

The *Times* in a leading article on the subject states:—"With high tariffs, most favoured nation treatment is apt to work out as most unfavoured nation treatment all round, and the clause as it now functions certainly creates inequitable anomalies which can hardly fail to assist the raising rather than lowering of tariff barriers. In the comprehensive review of policy which the British Government are now undertaking, full consideration must be given to the possibility of following up the Empire agreements to be made at Ottawa with reciprocal arrangements for mutual trade with countries which are willing to trade with us on equal terms, and that will clearly imply reconsideration of our attitude towards the most favoured nation clause, with careful weighing of its advantages and disadvantages."—*British Wireless*.

DEBATORS TUNED UP.

KEFN "WORD BATTLE" AT Y.M.C.A. TO-NIGHT

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LAUSANNE DELAY.

CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE TO GERMANY.

London, Jan. 19.

The Paris suggestion for a long postponement of the Lausanne Conference is absolutely unacceptable to Germany, is the view expressed in Government circles, where the opinion is that a long delay will have calamitous consequences, not only to Germany but to the whole world.—*Reuter*.

German Imports.

Berlin, Jan. 19. An emergency decree is being enforced to-day which authorizes an additional import duty on goods from countries where the currency has fallen below the gold standard, "if the conditions of German trade urgently require such action."

The new duty is also applicable to goods from countries where German products are treated unfavourably, compared with goods from other countries.—*Reuter*.

The French Policy.

Berlin, Jan. 19. An important pronouncement on the new Government's foreign policy was made by M. Laval in the Chamber, declaring that France would sacrifice nothing of her credit without a corresponding remission of her debts.

She declined to accept solutions which were powerless to solve the crisis and would impair French interests, while as regards disarmament, the Government maintained its predecessor's stand-point, and, as conditions demanded, a definite framework which embodied respect for contracts, arbitration, definitions of an aggressor, mutual assistance and security.—*Reuter*.

Britain's Part.

London, Jan. 19. British newspapers suggest that circumstances having undergone considerable changes in the past few weeks, it may be considered unnecessary for the Government representatives to include others than experts, and the question is raised in some newspapers as to whether it will be necessary to hold the Reparations Conference at all.

In any case, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, is expected to leave London for Switzerland on Saturday, as the opening of the League Council at Geneva, at which Sir John Simon wishes to be present as much as possible, is set for the same day as that of the Reparations Conference in the neighbouring town of Lausanne.—*British Wireless*.

M. Laval Not Attending.

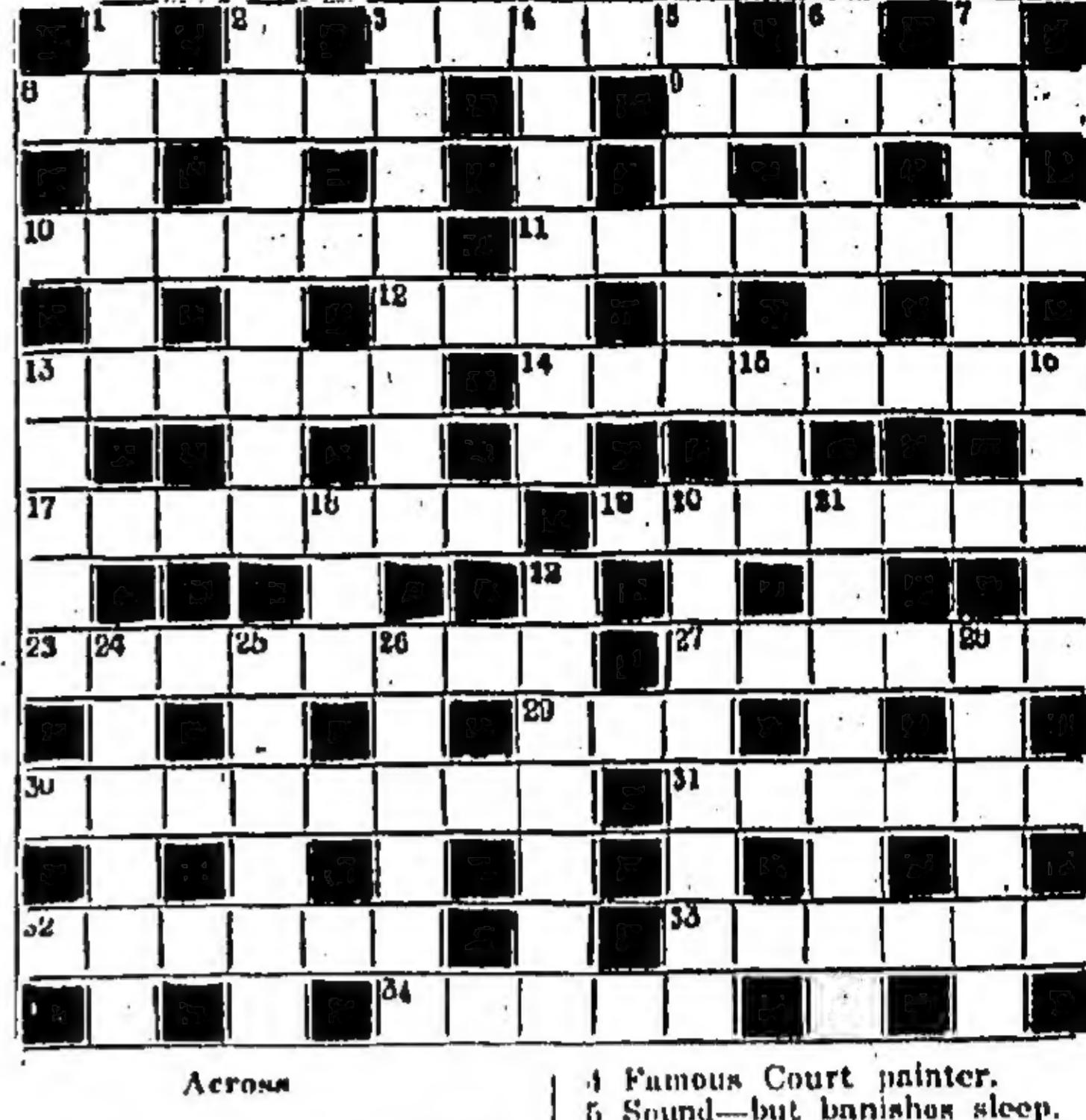
Paris, Jan. 19. That M. Laval will not attend the Disarmament Conference is proved by the official list of the French delegation, which nevertheless is powerful and comprises M. M. Tardieu, Dumont, Dumesnil and Reynaud, the Ministers for War, Marine, Air and the Colonies respectively; also M. Gignoux, Under Secretary of State, M. Paul Buncourt (a Senator) and Lieutenant Colonel Fabry (a Deputy).—*Reuter*.

The debate will then be thrown open to general discussion, after which the two leading speakers will sum up their cases and the motion will be voted upon. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will also sum up the merits of the debate.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend and to participate in the general debate which promises to be of unusually high standard.

Special interest lies in the debate, in that it will open for public discussion, the question of public control of utility services in Hongkong. It is believed that the leading speakers will deal firstly with the general principle of public ownership and will then demonstrate its likely effect if applied to local services.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



4 Famous Court painter.
5 Sound—but banishes sleep.
6 There is a peculiar feature about this, which, in itself, is distressful.

7 He may get some fish when carried beyond the corner.

13 Takes off—but though not a professional impersonator.

15 A song that the poet hears for ever.

16 Follow.

18 The building part of the meal.

20 The associates of kings.

21 Expel the devil, and cut out about the alternative.

22 Torture.

24 Here's an opportunity for an accident.

25 With reference to a legal wrong, this may

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Mrs. Mullen and family wish to thank all friends, and all Units of the Services also The Matron, Sisters, and Staff of the Military Hospital for the kindness and expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1932.

IS DICTATORSHIP
THE SOLUTION?

Many observers looking on the Chinese political scene tend to shake their heads and opine that the best solution of China's difficulties would be the establishment of a dictatorship. To our thinking, an effective dictatorship is as little possible at the moment as a constitutional democracy; and of the two, there is more hope of the latter. Both the physical and psychological requirements of a dictatorship are wanting. It is unnecessary, for instance, to a dictatorship as to a democracy to have good communications through the country. It is possible that in the coming years the development of flying will do much to alter this factor of the problem. So far, however, in so vast a country as China communications are still inadequate for any central authority to act with requisite speed when there is any tendency to disobedience. And if the Kuomintang propaganda has failed to weld the people into one, nothing that a dictatorship could do would be sufficient to counteract the facts of the distance and dissimilarity of outlook.

We have seen Chiang Kai-shek often referred to as the late Dictator. Although he exercised a dominating influence in the Nanking Government, it is clear that he never either got outside the Kuomintang system of government, nor succeeded in carrying his authority over the whole country. If he or some other set up a dictatorship as the form of the Central Government, the most that could happen would be that in such parts of the country as he could conquer his lieutenants would for a time accept his rule. Inevitably, however, these would tend to augment their own power and authority and eventually

establish their own local dictatorships, which would be a reversal to the semi-feudalism of the last twenty years, without even the lip-service to constitutionalism which one party or another has maintained since the Revolution.

In another way the requirements of a successful dictatorship are wanting. From time to time the eminence and magnetism of one man standing well above his fellows, and commanding their allegiance by an almost mystic power of personality, have given him autocratic power over masses of men. There is no sign so far that China has produced such a man. Nor do we believe that Chiang Kai-shek inspires to such a role. He has had some opportunities. He has apparently declined them. He has shown a real loyalty to the Three Principles. In some cases, it is true, he has been betrayed into dictatorial acts. The arrest of Marshal Li Chai-sun and Mr. Hu Han-min are cases at point. For the former, there seemed little excuse; but it must be said that Marshal Li has subsequently shown little animus against his captor, and the fact that he appears *persona non grata* in Canton seems to suggest something almost akin to acquiescence in his captivity on the Marshal's own part. The arrest of Mr. Hu seemed to be a serious political mistake at the time, but it is to be remembered that when leaving to take up his post on the International Court, Dr. Wang Chung-hui expressed his disgust at the bickering which characterised Nanking officials, and there may have been more grounds than appear for Chiang Kai-shek's action. We doubt both whether Chiang Kai-shek has the qualities which might capture the popular imagination, or whether, if he had them, he would want to use them for other than constitutional ends.

The Disarmament Conference.

A fortnight hence, leading figures of the principal nations of the world will assemble at Geneva to discuss world disarmament. In the following weeks, all fighting forces, land, sea and air, will be closely examined and compared with a view to securing agreed reductions. Idealists will find themselves stubbornly struggling with realists for domination in the various councils. Unfortunately, the conference meets with carefully prepared ground rudely disturbed, by some freak of fortune or the personality of human nature, and the atmosphere is anything but encouraging. Tension in the Far East will prevent Japan from contributing to the extent that she might in different circumstances to an all-round reduction of armaments. The European situation presents its own problem, detrimental to the advocates of wholesale scaling down. Even so, it is doubtful whether the governments represented dare permit the conference to fail. A declaration signed by millions of people of all nationalities will be among the first documents to come within the purview of the delegates and if it does nothing more, it should further impress upon them a sense of their deep responsibility. It is, indeed, one of the most significant features of the preparation for the conference that the women of the world have massed in support. In Geneva, during the first week of September, eleven of the great international organizations of women joined in a single disarmament committee for the purposes of centralizing the work already begun by individual organizations and of facilitating co-operation generally. These organizations were representative of women of the learned professions, business women, women engaged in social work, beside that vast body of women who go to make up the peace societies which have sprung up in nearly every part of the world. They pledged themselves to assist by every means in their power in organizing the vast and growing public opinion in favour of the conference and the realization of the world-wide cry for disarmament and security. The women have since gathered upon their disarmament declaration the signatures of all those who desire world concord. The wo-

DAY BY DAY

Men are disturbed not by things themselves, but by their opinions or thoughts concerning those things.—George Eliot.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central over N.E. Korea, moving east.

Mrs. R.E.O. Bird has kindly consented to distribute the Ellis Kadoorie School prizes on Tuesday, January 28 at 11 a.m.

Mr. A. el Arculli is to distribute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indiana on Thursday, 28th instant, at 11 a.m.

The Hongkong Hotel Garage is circulating to customers an effective wall calendar issued by the makers of the well-known Chevrolet cars.

Injuries to his body were received by Kwok Kum, a coolie, aged 43 years, who fell from a crane whilst working on board the ss. Tjibladak last night. His condition is considered to be serious.

During the course of work on an iron grill at 18, Nam Chang Street, Shamshui Po, yesterday evening, Lam Shing of 84, Yu Chau Street, received injuries to his head and was removed to hospital in a serious condition.

M. Pasquier, Governor-General of Indo-China is due to arrive in Hongkong at 8 a.m. to-morrow on the French mine-sweeper Inconstant. Here he will join Vice-Admiral Herr on the flagship Waldeck Rousseau.

Whilst running across the ledge on the east side of the verandah of the Police Reception Club, Chan Yuen, aged 15, of 488, Hennessy Road, fell into the nullah and received rather serious injuries to his body yesterday.

Li Hu, a young mechanic, of 5, Tank Lane, has reported to the police the loss of a gold watch, chain and diamond, valued at \$100 which were stolen whilst he was asleep in a cubicle at 17, Graham Street, first floor, yesterday morning.

Suffering from the effects of opium poisoning stated to have been self-administered, a married woman, Ching Tsai, aged 23, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from 34, Gough Street at 1.30 this morning. Her condition is not serious.

The latest issue of the *Far Eastern Travellers' Gazette*, issued by Thos. Cook and Son is a bulky publication of eighty pages and should prove of much value to those contemplating Home leave. It has several illustrated articles, including one on some beauty spots in the Old Country, whilst full details are given of shipping, railway and aerial fares.

An account of 1, Cochranne Street, was fined \$10 by Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning for keeping six monkeys in cages which were too small to allow them sufficient room. Mr. P. J. O'Brien, Inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, informed his Worship that he had warned the defendant earlier in the day.

men of more than forty countries have collected signatures running into millions. Governments of the world will do well to heed these signs of the times. Excessive armaments and the economic slump both have their root in the same mistake—lack of confidence. The nations must disarm themselves of their suspicion as well as of their military and economic weapons.

CHILDREN OF
A.D. 2000.

By G. ESMOND COUSINS.

full the latent possibilities of the who enters the everyday world of A.D. 2,000 will settle in his round or square hole, will look around and see for himself what life is like.

Sigh for the Past.

He will, no doubt, find the world pleasant, having known no other; but grandfather Peter will remember the middle years of the twentieth century and sigh for the days when mothers reared their babies as they pleased; when kiddies fell over, or from, all kinds of hard objects and were taught to pick themselves up with a grin; when a mudlark in the garden was not frowned upon so long as it was followed by the application of soap and water; and when boys and girls were shaped into staunch citizens by mixing at school, fighting their own battles and generally preparing for the great adventure of adult life.

Mudlarks and Tumblers.

His capacity for grovelling in the garden has been excelled only by his success in transferring Mother Earth to his mother's clean floors;

and he has fallen over so many times, and from such a variety of vehicular playthings, that it is a lasting wonder to find he remains more or less convex in outline.

Perhaps Peter will live to see the children of his dosage brought up in very different surroundings and by ultra-modern methods; but he may be forgiven for thinking them jowler in those qualities which go to the making and maintenance of great nations. Woolly toys as bed-mates will no doubt be strictly "taboo," if they have not been confiscated altogether as harbinger of dust and attendant germs. For by A.D. 2,000 the scientists will have had their way with human life, and the test tube will be enshrined on the altar of public welfare with white-coated doctors to do it surprised reverence.

Children will be allowed to possess brittle toys, of course, for if a boy cannot break things he will hit his parents, who, by the laws of psychology, are forbidden to chastise. But juveniles will be protected from the awful consequences of hurting themselves, and no nursery or playroom will be worthy of the name, or entitled to Government certificates, which is not built with rubber walls and floors, legless tables, and chairs which cannot capsize.

Peter's grandchildren will not go to school, for boys and girls of the Utopian twenty-first century will learn their lessons by wireless, using directional loud-speakers which enable governess or mother to enjoy alternative programmes in the same room. The wireless sets, of course, will be valveless and fool-proof, an inexpensive portable gramophone and as indispensable as bedsteads.

When Peter's grandson is old enough he will be turned or planed to fit round or square hole, as desired, and polished for his vocation, which will be chosen for him by institutes under Government control and equipped with instruments, ready reckoned and experts for the purpose of exploiting to the

Invectives.

What did they say of each other? Compared with themselves, the young men found the girls of their acquaintance more charming, more tender towards men and children, warmer hearted, more unselfish, with the added enhancement of being "more mysterious." The girls found the men they knew venturesome, good workers, less upset by trifles, with more physical courage, democratic, loyal, and more persistent.

But what invectives they launched against each other. The men frankly called the girls they knew "gold-diggers," and described them as emotionally unstable, harsh, tricksters, treacherous, childish, and pettish-minded.

Against this array of vices the girls launched their attack. They described the modern young men as egotistical, domineering, changeable, ruthless, unloving, arrogant, niggardly, simpleminded and easy to fool.

There are some equally damning remarks made by the girls against their own sex. They found it self-centred, slightly, aimless in its pursuits, and given to gossip. But they did claim the ability to be polite, gentle, loyal, obliging, and humble.

Blondes Lead.

The young men evidently had a fair opinion of their sex in general. They believed that men were aggressive, brave, dependable, good-natured, bolder than women, more creative, with greater honesty, and more logical.

In a comparison of the varying qualities in blondes, brunettes, and red-heads, Dr. Marston finds that blondes lead in scholarship, with brunettes second, and the "red" a close third.

TRIO OF THIEVES CAUGHT.

MAY ROAD BURGLARY REVEALED.

DOCTOR ROBBED.

Following his arrest on Saturday last after having snatched a handbag from Mrs. Floyd, of the Military Married Quarters, in Kennedy Road, Ng Chuk, a 19-year-old youth, was brought before Mr. Williams on remand at the Central Police Court this morning on an additional charge of theft of money and jewellery to the total value of \$135 from No. 4, Thorpe Manor, May Road, the residence of Dr. A. V. Greaves, a Government medical officer on January 8 last.

Together with the defendant were two other men who were charged with receiving stolen property, while each had additional charges of theft against him in respect of other property. The second accused was alleged to have stolen articles of clothing from a matchbox on Bonham Road, while the third was charged with theft of a spirit-level from a house under construction in Fuk Wun Street, ShamshuiPo.

The first defendant, who on Monday last pleaded guilty to theft of the handbag from Mrs. Floyd, admitted the charge of theft from Dr. Greaves, while the second defendant also pleaded guilty to the two counts against him. The third accused admitted stealing the spirit-level but denied receiving stolen property in respect of the theft at 4, Thorpe Manor.

Previous Theft.

Detective Sergeant D. Fitzhenry, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that the first defendant was on remand on a charge of larceny from the person. He had been previously sentenced to one month's hard labour for stealing a sum of money at 4, May Road. He came out of jail the day before the burglary at 4, Thorpe Manor. When the burglary was reported to the police, suspicion fell on the defendant, whose photograph was given to the officer in charge of finger prints. When accused was arrested on Saturday in connection with the theft from Mrs. Floyd, the officer in charge of the finger prints informed the prosecuting officer of the results of his examination of the defendant's finger prints.

A remand was accordingly obtained from the Court and when the burglary was put to the defendant he admitted that he had been concerned. He took the police to 136, Stone Nullah Lane and there they found the second and third defendants. The spirit-level was lying on a divan and the third defendant admitted that he had stolen it from Fuk Wing Street in ShamshuiPo. On the second defendant the police found a number of pawn tickets which referred to property stolen from Dr. Greaves and also clothing taken from a contractor's matchbox in Bonham Road.

Ring Melted Down.

Continuing, the officer said a gold ring which was stolen from Dr. Greaves had been melted down in a shop in Wanchai and the police had been unable to trace the gold. A watch, which had been stolen, had been broken for some time and the defendants had had it taken to a watchmakers' to have it repaired.

The first and second defendants, the officer said, had met in gaol as they had both had previous convictions and were discharged about the same time, having presumably made their plans before their discharge.

The officer asked his Worship to take a serious view of the larceny from May Road.

The first defendant was given eight months' hard labour for snatching the handbag from Mrs. Floyd and a further four months' imprisonment for larceny from Dr. Greaves. The second defendant received a sentence of three months for receiving stolen property and two months for theft of clothing at Bonham Road, the third defendant being given five weeks' for stealing the spirit-level.

POPULARITY OF AIR MAIIS.

STRIKING BRITISH INCREASE.

London, Jan. 19. A striking increase in air mail traffic during last year is recorded by the Postmaster General.

About two and a quarter million letters, weighing over fifty-two tons, were sent by air, an increase of about 10,000 weekly over 1930.—*British Wireless*.

FORMER HONGKONG LAWYER.

NOT STRUCK OFF THE ROLLS.

"At a previous hearing of this case I asked a question in cross-examination suggesting that Mr. Rowan, a lawyer, had had his name struck off the rolls in Hongkong. That question was asked by me on instructions and information which appeared authentic and which I fully believed at the time. Later, when the allegation was denied, I stated that, if it was untrue, as I was then informed, I should like to withdraw it at once and I expressed regret for any pain or harm which might have been caused to Mr. Rowan.

"Since that date I have received conclusive evidence emanating from the secretary to the Law Society in Hongkong that Mr. Rowan was not struck off the rolls in Hongkong. I think that this fact should be given the widest publicity that I can give it. I am, therefore, making this statement.

"The suggestion that Mr. Rowan was struck off the rolls in Hongkong is fully and unconditionally withdrawn and I should like to express my sincere regrets that the suggestion was made."

This was a further statement made by Mr. K. K. O'Connor, one of the counsel for the defence, in the title deed case, which again came up for hearing before Mr. G. C. Dodd, the Singapore Criminal District Judge on January 12th, when the case for the prosecution was closed.

"On behalf of Mr. Rowan I accepted that apology and thank Mr. O'Connor for having made it," said Mr. Roland Bradell, who represented Mr. Rowan, the Hongkong lawyer. Mr. Bradell added that he quite recognised that Mr. O'Connor thought he had correct information. He had personally known Mr. Rowan for eleven years quite intimately.

"I am obliged to my learned friend for what he has said. I did not know Mr. Rowan personally, it was only a name to me," Mr. O'Connor said.

KIDNAPPER SENT TO PRISON.

TOOK CHILD BECAUSE OF DEBT.

Charged before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with kidnapping a male child four years of age, he was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

It was stated that defendant took the child on board the s.s. Charles Hardouin and attracted the attention of the comrade of the ship who asked him about the child. He could not give a satisfactory explanation and was taken before the Captain who had him detained and taken back to Hong Kong from Kowloon.

Defendant stated that the father of the child owed him \$70. This was denied.

In passing sentence, his Worship said even if the father of the child owed him the money, he was not entitled to take away the child.

LATEST FLYING RECORD.

KINGSFORD SMITH AGAIN.

London, Jan. 19. By reaching Port Darwin, Australia, to-day in twelve and a half days, after leaving England in the mail-carrying airplane "Southern Star," Air Commodore Kingsford Smith has established a fresh record for this journey in a commercial machine.—*British Wireless*.

RUMANIAN FINANCE MINISTER.

ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON.

London, Jan. 19. M. Aregetoianu, "Rumanian Finance Minister" was to-day the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon. He was also received by the Prime Minister at 10, Downing Street.—*British Wireless*.

UNITED STATES AND DISARMAMENT.

MR. STIMSON TO HEAD DELEGATION.

Washington, Jan. 19. Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has been appointed chairman of the United States delegation to the Disarmament Conference.—*Reuters*.

FOUR HONGKONG ESTATES.

ARMY CAPT. LEAVES OVER \$20,000.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$20,200 was left by the late Francis Desmond Talbot Coke, retired Army Captain, formerly of Chayesmore School, near Winchmore Hill, Herts, and of No. 5, Connaught Place, Hyde Park, Middlesex, who died on April 27, 1931, at Westfield, Richmond Road, Worthing, Sussex.

Re-sealing of certified copy of probate of the will and two codicils has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors and trustee, Mr. R. S. A. Straus, No. 86, Hyde Park Mansions, London, publisher, and Major E. Howell (retired), of Westfield.

The late Mr. John Johnson, dockyard store keeper, late of No. 6, Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay, who died at the Matilda Hospital on November 20, 1931, left local estate worth \$16,500. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Mrs. Eliza Johnson, No. 41, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, who is the executrix.

Re-sealing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson in the estate of the late Mr. William Green, Skeworth, retired merchant, who died at Brookhurst, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, Sussex, on May 23, 1931. Hongkong estate amounts to \$6,500 while not personally at home in £21,881 10s. 6d. Mr. Tinson is the attorney of the Public Trustee, the sole executor named in the will.

The late Mr. Harry Armstrong Suttle, Master Mariner, late of No. 50m, Nathan Road, who died intestate at the French Hospital on December 16, 1931, left Hongkong estate worth \$7,200. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Mrs. Margaret Steele, of the Nathan Road address.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

C.Q.M.S. MULLENS BURIED WITH FULL HONOURS.

Impressive military honours marked the funeral which took place yesterday afternoon of C.Q.M.S. Edward Mullens, of the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, whose death, from pneumonia, occurred at the Military Hospital on Monday morning.

The cortège, starting out from Wellington Barracks, was headed by a firing party bearing reversed arms. Next came the Pipes and Drums, playing the lament "Flowers of the Forest," the Regimental Band and Buglers. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack and resting on a gun carriage, was drawn by horses, and escorted by eight comrades of corresponding rank from the Battalion. Soldiers carrying wreaths, the tributes of other units in the Colony, headed the main procession, in which were the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Lt.-Col. Bennett, M.C. (who also represented H.E. Major-General Sandilands), other officers and about 130 other ranks, representative of the Headquarters Wing and the other Companies of the Battalion. There were also representatives from the Navy and Police and from the other military units in the Colony.

Approaching the gates of the Roman Catholic Cemetery in which the remains were interred, the Band played the funeral music playing the Dead March in Saul. The coffin was transferred on to the shoulders of the escort and borne to the Chapel where a short service was performed prior to the interment. The Rev. Fr. O'Brien, Chaplain to the Forces, was the officiating priest.

The obsequies closed with the firing of three volleys over the grave and the sounding of The Last Post.

Among the large number of floral tributes sent were wreaths from Lt.-Col. Bennett M.C., and other officers of the Battalion, from the Hongkong Police Force and Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, from the Navy and from other military units.

SILVER RISE IN LONDON.

HONGKONG MARKET STILL DULL.

Silver is up slightly in London, but the Hongkong dollar remains unchanged at 1s. 4.11/16ths both for spot and forward. China bought, but there were small offerings, the market being steady on opening. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with America small buyers.

In New York the rate is unchanged at 29 1/4, with the market dull. Silver futures are, however, down.

Locally there is no change in the situation, practically no business passing.

FIGHT WITH AN EAGLE.

BIRD ATTACKS A SHEPHERD.

A thrilling story of a fight between a big royal eagle and a shepherd in the Alpine region near Omisco, overlooking Lake Maggiore, has just been revealed. While the shepherd, named Peretti, was taking his flock home to the village, the eagle swooped down upon a young sheep, killed it, and tried to carry it away.

The shepherd, armed only with his stick, to which was attached a strong iron hook, succeeded in beating off the eagle, but the bird turned on him, and a fierce fight took place.

The eagle swooped down upon the shepherd with the intention of attacking him in the back, and the man struck it with his iron hook sending it floundering on to the rocks, apparently stunned.

Soon afterwards the eagle returned to the attack, but the shepherd, who had regained his stick, struck out at a bird and sent it once more on to the rocks.

Then the eagle thought it had had enough and flew away.

On his return to the village, the shepherd was found to be bleeding from the head and arms.

MYSTERY SCHOONER SEIZED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hedwig Rumours.

It will be recollect that when the survivors of the Hedwig returned to Hongkong, rumours spread in the city, suggesting that sensational developments might be expected following the stranding of the vessel.

It was then suggested that the authorities were keenly interested in the activities of the ship before her stranding.

Subsequently, orders were given for the construction of a new ship, and the Marbella was built in Hongkong, costing something like \$90,000. It was built on the lines of the cutter, Enterprise.

Flag Difficulties.

According to information from various sources, it would appear that difficulty was experienced by its owners in obtaining a national flag under which to sail, but eventually arrangements were made for flying the Panama flag.

The vessel is now in the hands of the Chinese Maritime Customs, though its future is unknown.

FRENCH ART TREASURES.

PICTURE CUT IN FOUR PIECES, NOW REUNITED.

Five hundred and fifty treasures of French art are being shown at Burlington House, where the French Exhibition opened on January 4.

Sir William Llewellyn, President of the Royal Academy, speaking at a luncheon at Burlington House expressed thanks to the King, to the French Government, and to the other military units in the Colony.

M. Jambon, Assistant Director of the Louvre Gallery in Paris, announced that for the second time in five centuries a picture—"The Annunciation"—which came from Aix-la-Chapelle, would be re-united.

The picture, which was by an unknown artist, had in some extraordinary manner been cut into four after it was painted in 1430. One piece was in a museum in Amsterdam, one was in Paris, one in Brussels, and one in the collection of a private British owner.

The four pieces had been put together two years ago at an exhibition at The Louvre, but apart from that, this would be the first occasion on which the general public had had an opportunity of seeing the picture as a whole.

PEAK MURDER SEQUEL.

AMAH ON CAPITAL CHARGE.

Described as a house amah and a native of Shek Lung, Chau Sui, an 18-year-old woman, appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on the capital charge in connexion with the alleged murder of a cook on Monday morning at 112, The Peak, the residence of Mr. C. A. L. Ricketts.

Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds appeared on behalf of the police and asked his Worship for a week's formal remand, which was accordingly granted.

RADIO BROADCAST

REPLY OF DEBATE FROM EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 356 metres.

6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

6.00-6.30 p.m. Chinese Children's Programme.

7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice etc.

7.03-7.30 p.m. Band Selections.

Maximilian Robespierre-Overture (Litolff).

The National March Band conducted by A. W. Ketelbey. 9.28-R.

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We Must All Pull Together.

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Orchestra-Skin'n'malink The Sergeant.

Jack Payne and The B.B.C. Orch. CHB17.

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

John Bennett, co-featured with Hattie Albright in the Fox drama, "High Money," coming to the King's Theatre next Thursday, is quite often seen at the almost paternal attitude of a father, take toward her youthful years, and to her twenty years of life she has crammed in much, or more adventure, than most persons of twice her age.

At the age of 10 she married—in 1928 she became a mother, and soon afterward one of the country's young divorcees.

She was too independent to accept financial support from her parents. Her father, however, recognizing the temperament which was so like his own and the acting ability which she had inherited, offered her the feminine lead opposite himself in the stage production, "Jarnegan."

The talkies, taking cognizance of her blonde attractiveness and the element she had stirred among the dramatic critics by her Broadway debut, gave her an opportunity to play opposite Ronald Colman in "Building Drummond." For a while after the picture was finished it seemed that she would have to return to the stage. But immediately after the public reaction to her screen debut was felt, she was given a beauty invitation to play.

She signed a long term contract and was given the feminine lead in George Arnes' picture, "Drama." Later, when Harry Richman made his screen debut in "Truth On The Bright Side," she was cast as the blonde Miss Rose, the solitary woman in the play, supplies the love romance in "Gangster"—a part she stepped into almost at a moment's notice when the artist first selected was laid aside by illness.

"The man they couldn't arrest" is the latest of growing group of pictures from the Gaumont-British Studios.

"Annabelle's Affairs," the Fox film based on Clark Kinnear's New York stage success, "Good Girl Gone Bad," made an unusual debut at the King's Theatre Sunday, and was greeted with an overwhelming wave of hearty laughs.

In bringing the play to the screen, one of the comedies was lost, but there seems to be an added spontaneity to the ludicrous situations, an added sparkle to the wit in the dialogue. And there are just enough heart-touching dramatic situations to give the proper colouring and shading to the nonsense in the comedy.

Leading roles were enacted by Victor McLaglen and Jeanette MacDonald and for the first time in her screen career, McLaglen gets the girl. He gives an intelligent and sincere portrayal of the primitive and ignorant man who marries the girl and then becomes wise and a intelligent.

He had roamed there for many years but was now returned to England on his spring vacation.

Leading the supporting cast are such well-known players from the screen and stage as Owen Moore, Wayne Fly, G. Henry Gordon and Dorothy Gwyther. Sidney Lanfield directed.

Marion Davies' Advice.

Irrevocably one who believes in blanched complexions, experiences a great deal of difficulty in trying to achieve the colouring, while the one who advocates the "by-white skin" is trying a time in carrying this through. According to Marion Davies, star of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Five and Ten" which will open tomorrow at the Queen's Theatre, this attitude is all wrong.

"Let nature take its course," is Mrs. Davies' advice.

However, in letting nature be the guide, there are many helpful modern methods which will react toward accentuating either the sun-tanned complexion or the whiteness of the skin.

For those whose skins are too fair to be sun, there are creams containing strong properties that will retain a milk-white nose. Lemon juice and egg-yolk of them have a good oxidizing effect.

Alfred L. Werle, a director of "Annabelle's Affairs" and Leon Gordon made the application while Leon Gordon made the application and wrote the laugh-bringing dialogue.

Owens South Sea Island.

Fine British Film.

"The Man They Couldn't Arrest" is the latest in the series of Chart's British pictures, the most popular of the Malay Peninsula. The picture, which is a strong drama, which acquired the island with a very definite aim in view, from the moment it was first made, and ends on a deathbed.

In Hollywood recently, the strapping, well-honed, well-faced actor gave

the secret of the fact," said Bickford, and with the laugh-bringing dialogue.

In his latest screen appearance Bickford is seen in surroundings

greatly similar to his island, and the action takes place in the jungles of the Malay Peninsula. The picture, which is showing at the Central Theatre today, is Peacock's strange drama, "East of Burner," in which Bickford appears opposite Ross Hart, with a supporting cast including George Raft, Linda Taver, Noble Johnson, and several hundred natives of the Far East. George Melford directed.

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There is a potent logic in the time and manner of its appearing. The international machinery by which nations have been dealing with one another since the beginning of history has been evolved on the assumption of the inevitability of war; of the necessity of force as the means of adjusting their differences.

Secret Diplomacy.

From this has sprung the school of secret diplomacy, with its inevitable code of reference and the withholding of facts. This technique, to be effective, requires the dominance of the few; the acquiescence and ignorance of the many. Since 1918, however, a different international technique has appeared. This is born of a new vision of human relations, based upon the concept of the rights of the weak, international interdependence, the power of facts, the intelligence of the people, and their participation in government. The Institute of Pacific Relations has emerged as a part of the mechanism which the era provides for meeting its new requirements.

A Regional Movement.

The Institute is a regional movement. It has come forward because of the new Pacific era and the special requirements of the peoples of the Pacific area. The conditions under which this era is developing, and the problems of its peoples in dealing with one another, are unique in modern history. While heavily indebted to European experience and achievement, they are determined not to be limited by the European pattern. History is moving with such speed that it may be possible for men in the Far East to learn from Western experience how to short-circuit some of the winding trials, and avoid the blind alleys that have been laboriously explored in the West. The Pacific peoples are feeling their way toward the creation of new mechanisms of dealing with one another.

To Supersede War.

It has been said that the Institute of Pacific Relations is considering problems between the nations for which the only historical solution has in the past been war. It must be realised, however, that new tribunals have appeared for the evaluation of national problems and policies. Science, the laboratory, and economic theory, are accepted in all countries around the Pacific. They speak a common language, on the basis of a logic that is inexorable. This makes possible a universal appeal to reason, which was absent until very recent times.

The constitution of the institute states that its object is to "study the conditions of the Pacific peoples, with a view to the improvement of their mutual relations. It is an association for the study and discussion of mutual problems of adjustment arising from the meeting of the diverse civilisations of this area. The Institute is not concerned with propaganda, nor the formation, or support, of policies.

Pacific Area Problems.

The Institute method is conceived as a continuous process in which conference, research, and information, each play a part, and mutually supplement each other. From the conference discussions emerge the questions which really matter for the Pacific area. These questions are then formulated in terms of research, and studies are carried on by the different groups during the interim periods, in order that an adequate basis may be found for further discussions. Out of both discussions and research, valuable data appear as material for general and specialised information. Thus the process goes on, conference stimulating research, research strengthening discussion, and providing new data for progressive conference work, while the findings of both create a basis for better understanding on the part of all concerned.

The conference is not a place where unanimity of opinion is sought. The adoption of resolutions or action is not within its scope. It is rather a forum for the expression of opinions based on individual experience, and varieties of conviction based upon individual understanding of pertinent facts.

To be constructive and to make progress from one meeting to the next, the conference is dependent upon the gathering of facts, pertinent to its discussions. The function of research is, therefore, a central activity of the institute.

Group Study.

A further valuable form of conference preparation is provided by group study, and discussion of conference topics, in advance of the meeting. Such groups were active in the Institute Councils of Canada, England, Japan, China

and Australia. The papers which are prepared by members for presentation at the conference are circulated and discussed, so that conference members attend the biennial meeting prepared, in a measure, for effective participation in the international discussions of the same topics.

The Institute enjoys the advantages of unhampered scientific inquiry, co-operatively undertaken, and of discussions unrestricted by official attitudes or diplomatic considerations. It is an organisation of peoples, not of governments, and is concerned with the discovery of basic facts concerning the Pacific area, and with the interpretation of those facts through the frank exchange of racial and national points of view.

The Shanghai Conference.

At Shanghai there were about 170 members present, representing Australia, Great Britain, Canada, China, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, the United States, the Netherlands, the International Labour Office and the League of Nations. The major portion were delegates of their various national groups but some were there as either observers or recorders.

The President of the Conference was Dr. Hu Shih, the Chairman of the Australian Group was Sir Harrison Moore, K.B.E., C.M.G., of Great Britain, Mr. Archibald Rose, of Canada, the Honourable Vincent Massey, of China, Mr. Hsu Singlioh, of Japan, Professor Nitobe, of the United States, Mr. Jerome D. Green, while the International Labour Office was represented by Mr. Ayusawa, and the League of Nations by Captain F. G. Walters.

Mr. Shenton gave the subjects discussed, which he said showed that the most vital and burning questions of the day were not forgotten. He continued:

A Day's Work.

I will now try to give you some idea of what a day at the conference meant. At 8.15 a.m. the International Programme Committee meets to draw up for that day or the following day details of the agenda for discussion by the round tables. From 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. four round tables sit and discuss the subject under review. There is then a break of half an hour, after which the round tables resume till noon, when they meet collectively in the Main Hall and the Chairman of each round table gives a general resume of the discussion which has taken place at his respective table.

Each round table has a chairman who is responsible for the debate and two recorders who make a précis of what is said. Each round table is made up of about twenty-four delegates who are selected by the National groups. The National groups, by detailing their own people, usually four or five to each round table, are able to represent local as well as general views on the subject under discussion.

Discussions, be said, were continued informally at lunch, and the rest of the afternoon was set aside for special round tables, visiting places of interest, and attending functions. The evening, from 6.15 to 7.30, was taken up with lectures or general discussions on particular subjects. He continued:

Five Useful Purpose.

Not having been to the previous conferences, I am unable to compare Shanghai with them, but I am of the opinion that the Institute fills a most useful purpose. Men and women, eminent in their various spheres, come from the four corners of the earth, many of them specialists in the subjects for discussion, and most of them having already made a considerable study of them. They meet together for a couple of weeks, exchanging views and imparting information. No subject of immediate interest, however volatile or delicate, is ruled out, but a free and frank discussion taken place with the result that much common ground is discovered and opposing views are avoided.

In conclusion, may I say that whatever criticism may from time to time be levelled at the Institute of Pacific Relations and its work, I for one, do not regret the two weeks I recently spent in Shanghai, and the work I put in preparation to going there.

Speaker Thanked.

In thanking the speaker on behalf of the Club, Dr. Li Shu-fan, after saying he thought it was very wise that Mr. Shenton should have been chosen to be one of the British group, remarked that the Institute was such as to be worthy of support and he thought it was their duty to support it. He pointed out that the scheme originated from the people and that countries were equally represented.

They all knew that half the trouble in the world was due to misunderstanding among different peoples, and the Institute formed a basis for mutual understanding.

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GEMS OF PERIL.

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guess I kinda dozed off, with my hat shading my eyes, but pretty soon saw out of the tall of my eye a man standing a few feet away, staring up at the court house steeple! It was De Loma. I couldn't believe my eyes. What was he doing out there? And staring like he'd never been a building before! Well, that's a famous old court house but it wasn't that kind of a stare. You know what I mean? He looked all greeny around the gills, like he was fascinated by it—and scared, too, maybe. I never saw just the same look on a man's face before in my life. No, No, sir, I never!

"Says I to myself, oh hell something's up. I kept my eye on him, though he couldn't see me leastways not my face. Pretty soon he turned around like a man in a trance and walked away with his head down, not looking where he was going.

"I sat up and watched him. And then, just as he was crossing the middle of the street, down the road driving bell-bent for election like he always does, came your chauffeur, Tom, in that big Lorraine car. De Loma jumped back quick, but at that Tom had to swerve way out to keep from hitting him. Made Tom hopping mad. He yelled at him and says, 'Why don't you do your sleeping in bed?' and De Loma yelled something back.

"I didn't catch what. And he must have stood there, shaking all over. And he was green in the face that time his eyes all but popping out of his head.

"He looked at the license plate, and when he saw the number he just stood and gaped. A native was standing by the curb, and he asks him, 'Whose car is that?' like the native ought to know, and if he didn't tell he'd shake it out of him. But the guy just shook his head, easy-like. And De Loma went into a drugstore quick and I went in the barbershop next door and watched till he came out. He went over to his car, parked along the Drive, B Yourself' buses, and got in and set out for town.

"I went in the drugstore, and asked the soda-fountain boy about him, if he did any telephoning and so on. But the boy said no, all he was asked for was a bromo salve, double strength. But a funny thing had happened, he said.

"There was a big clean space, square, on the wall up beside the fly specked mirror where some kind of picture must have hung until very recently. The nail was still there. He pulled that picture down and tore it up in a thousand pieces, the boy told me. He was worried for fear his boss was going to be sore. Seems he was proud of that picture, it was some guy he knew that had since got famous.

"He's framed this picture to keep it nice because he was specially proud of it. That was because the man in the picture was born there, in the village, and he knew him since he was a boy."

Bates paused thoughtfully and put a hand in the baggy pocket of his linen coat.

"I asked the boy who it was, but he didn't know. He was just a young punk, the clerk. He didn't remember anything about it. But he told me I could look in the back room where he'd thrown the pieces and maybe I could put them together again."

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undersigned before the Thursday,

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veyor Masters—Goddard and Douglas

at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th

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Agent.

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MR. WONG KWONG-TIN.

FURTHER THREE YEARS ON
SANITARY BOARD.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the appointment of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin as a member for a further three years, was confirmed. Mr. Wong was warmly applauded.

The agenda comprised mostly formal business. Regarding a letter from the Government, relative to an appeal to the Governor-in-Council from Messrs. Palmer and Turner, in respect of wells at Minden Avenue, the Board decided to reply, authenticating the dates and making no comment.

Members present were: Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (vice-President), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. T. N. Chan, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. de Castro-Dias, Mr. L. C. P. Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary), and Mr. J. H. Hargreaves (assistant secretary).

"I went in the drugstore, and asked the soda-fountain boy about him, if he did any telephoning and so on. But the boy said no, all he was asked for was a bromo salve, double strength. But a funny thing had happened, he said.

"There was a big clean space, square, on the wall up beside the fly specked mirror where some kind of picture must have hung until very recently. The nail was still there. He pulled that picture down and tore it up in a thousand pieces, the boy told me. He was worried for fear his boss was going to be sore. Seems he was proud of that picture, it was some guy he knew that had since got famous.

"He's framed this picture to keep it nice because he was specially proud of it. That was because the man in the picture was born there, in the village, and he knew him since he was a boy."

Bates paused thoughtfully and put a hand in the baggy pocket of his linen coat.

"I asked the boy who it was, but he didn't know. He was just a young punk, the clerk. He didn't remember anything about it. But he told me I could look in the back room where he'd thrown the pieces and maybe I could put them together again."

Out of the pocket Bates now lifted a newspaper parcel. Inside were hundreds of small bits of cardboard, the torn fragments of the

(To be Continued.)

ENGLISH AIR MAIRS.

KINGSFORD SMITH ARRIVES
IN AUSTRALIA.

Port Darwin, Jan. 19.

Completing an almost clockwise flight of twelve days, Air Commodore Kingsford Smith landed at 1.45 p.m. with 700 lbs. of English air mails.

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JAPAN USING BANDITS.

UTILISED TO KEEP THE
PEACE.

Mukden, Jan. 19.

The Japanese military authorities are now enlisting Chinese bandits for the purpose of peace preservation.

It is officially announced that a band of 400 bandits have offered their services to General Honjo, and the offer will probably be accepted. The bandits will be disarmed, and if investigation proves that their intentions are sincere, they will be used in the peace preservation service.

"That," said Henry Bates, carefully folding his parcel together again, "is what I am going to spend the next couple of hours finding out."

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SWATOW STRIKE ENDED.

STUDENTS AGAIN AT SCHOOL.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Swatow, Jan. 17. The students' strike is now ended, and all students will return to their books to-morrow morning. They have asked for, and will probably be granted, a week's holiday to celebrate the settlement!

The trouble originally arose when the students smashed up the premises of the local Party Headquarters as a protest against alleged slackness in prosecuting the Anti-Japanese boycott. The Party leaders thereupon closed the offices of the Boycott Committee, accusing the students of being unable to differentiate between Japanese and other foreign goods, with the result that non-Japanese goods had been illegally confiscated.

The student retaliated by stating that Japanese goods were being imported via Britain and Canada, and came out on strike. Meantime the merchants of Swatow were beginning to find things difficult, thousands of dollars worth of goods being held up, and the prospects of closing their financial year at Chinese New Year satisfactory extremely remote.

As usual both parties were partially right. A settlement has been reached by the Party Headquarters in Canton promising to send a man to Swatow, who is to be the sole judge, in case of difficulty or dispute, as to what goods are Japanese or otherwise. The Boycott Committee is to be reorganized, and all sides are happy meantime.

CHINA POLITICAL SITUATION.

CHIANG AND WANG TO GO TO NANKING.

Shanghai, Jan. 20. News from Hangchow that Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei, will be leaving, together with Sun Fo, for Nanking this afternoon, is causing the highest interest in political circles.

It is understood that Mr. Sun Fo, who represents the Executive Yuan, has addressed a long letter to Marshal Yen Hsi-shan inviting him to proceed immediately to Nanking to join the Coalition Government.

Interviewed in Nanking, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang yesterday strongly advocated the severance of political relations with Japan. He considered it imperative that the Nanking Government should render material assistance to the

GIVEN NEW POST.



General Dawes, appointed head of new American credit organization.

WIDER WUCHOW STREETS.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Wuchow, Jan. 17. In furthering their purpose of making Wuchow a modern city, the authorities have decided to inaugurate new plans which include the widening of several streets. It is claimed that the work of transforming these old-fashioned, narrow, dark and smelly passageways into wide, clean, and well-lit streets, with modern sewerage facilities will commence shortly after the Chinese New Year. The anticipated improvements will necessitate the razing of the parts of some buildings, but the widening of the streets will ultimately add to the value of the property concerned.

These prospective improvements, if carried to completion, are part of a project which was launched some years ago but was hindered by the trouble between Kwangsi and Kwangtung.

Much work in the line of improvements was undertaken last year, including the building of a short retaining wall and bund along the west river-front, the resurfacing of several streets, and the starting of work on the now Wuchow water system.

When completed, the water system will supply water to every part of the city. An intake into the Foo River, a short distance above the city, and a reservoir at the back of the Sun Yat-sen memorial are under construction.

Diplomat Turns to Finance.

GENERAL DAWES'S NEW POST.

Washington, Jan. 19.

It was disclosed to-day that General Charles Dawes, U.S. Ambassador in London, has been appointed as the head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation recently formed by the Government.

After the announcement of his appointment, General Dawes stated that his resignation of the Ambassadorship would become effective immediately.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, with a huge capital, has been formed, with the approval of Congress, for the purposes of providing for the extension of industrial credits in the United States.—Reuter.

Chinese militia who are being isolated and disarmed in Southern Fugien and on the Fugien-Jehol frontier.—Reuter.

Held Up by Weather.

Nanking, Jan. 20. A telephone message from Hangchow states that Chiang Kai-shek was unable to take off for Nanking this morning, as intended, but he will fly to the capital this afternoon if the weather clears up. If not, he will definitely leave for Nanking to-morrow morning.

General Wang Shih-ho, commander of Chiang Kai-shek's bodyguards, arrived here this morning with a number of his men. Chiang's return here is now considered a certainty.—Reuter.

ROUND TABLE IN INDIA.

LORD WILLINGDON'S INVITATION.

London, Jan. 18. The Viceroy, Lord Willingdon, has issued invitations to the members of the Round Table Conference Working Committee to meet on January 28 at New Delhi.

This working committee, over which Lord Willingdon will himself preside, as deputy for the Prime Minister, was set up so that the Round Table Conference should be kept in being and in order that the British Government, through the Viceroy, might continue in effective touch.

When the Franchise, Federal Finance and States Enquiry Committees, which will shortly begin work in India, have made their recommendations, this working committee, which is representative of practically all shades of Indian opinion, will be brought into consultation theron before the final conclusions are adopted by the Government.—British Wireless.

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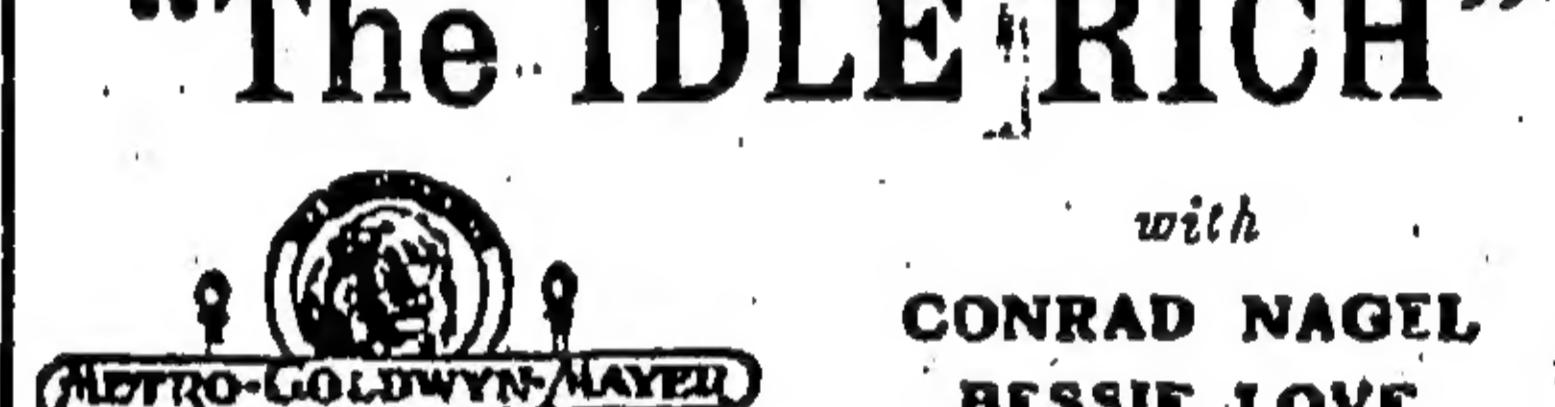
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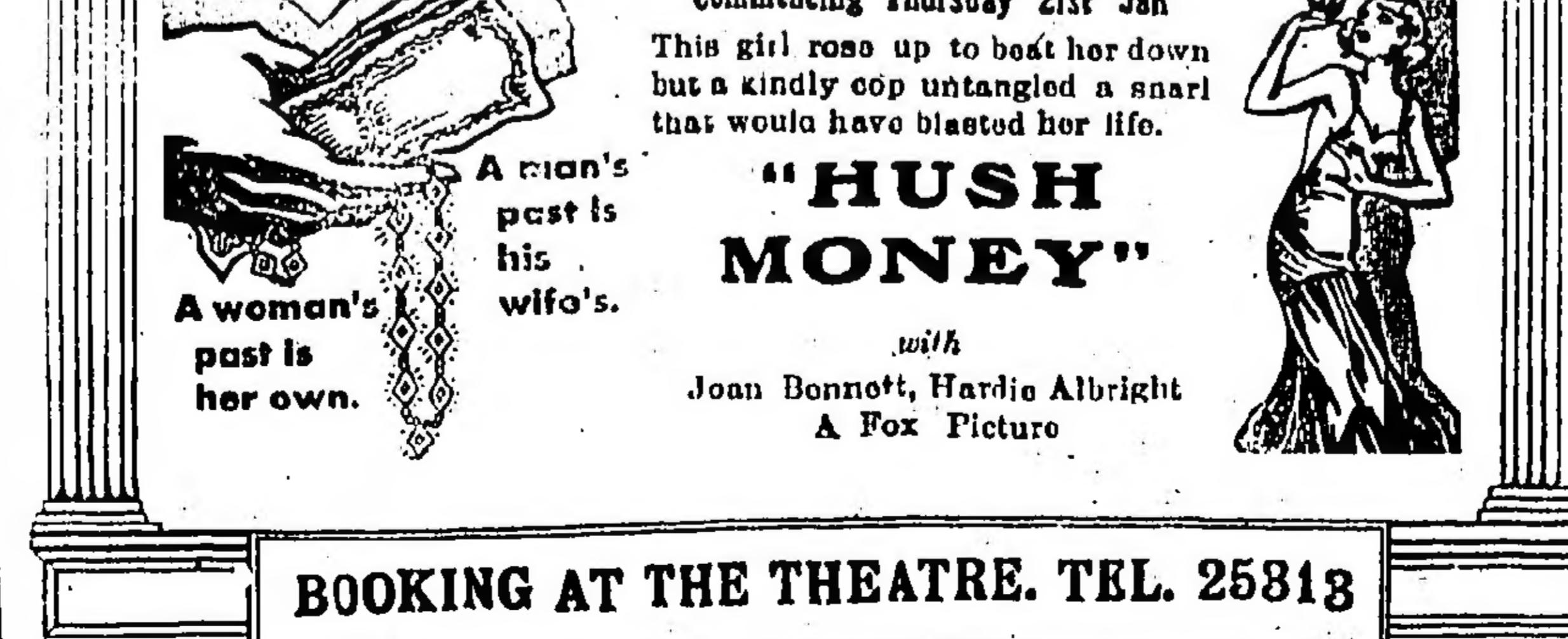
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